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SUBJECT: FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN ADDIS ON MENGITSU BRIEFING

1. AT THE WEEKLY QUADRIpartite AMBASSADORS' MEETING JULY 19
FRENCH AMBASSADOR SAID THAT FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN ADDIS
REPORTED THAT HE WAS TOLD BY THE ETHIOPIAN MFA DIRECTOR
FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS ON JULY 13 THAT MENGISTU HAD CALLED IN
THE EAST EUROPEAN AMBASSADORS THAT SAME DAY AND BRIEFED
THEM ON THE "DETERIORATING SITUATION" IN ERITREA FOLLOWING
THE FALL OF THE CITIES OF KEREN AND DECAMERE TO ERITRIAN
FORCES. MENGISTU IS REPORTED TO HAVE DESCRIBED THE SITUATION
IN ERITREA AND OGADEN AS VERY SERIOUS AND TO HAVE
COMPLAINED THAT THE SOVIETS HAD NOT BEEN GIVING THE AID
THAT MENGITSU FELT SHOULD BE GIVEN. HE ALSO CLAIMED THAT
REGULAR SOMALIAN UNITS WERE OPERATING IN OGADEN AND
THAT SOMALIAN ARMY WOULD SOON CROSS ETHIOPIAN BORDER
ITSELF. FRENCH AMBASSADOR'S MFA INTERLOCUTOR CON-
SIDERED THAT WAR WITH SOMALIA HAD ALREADY BEGUN.
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2. ON JULY 14 FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN ADDIS RECEIVED CONFIRMATION
OF THE ESSENTIAL POINTS OF THE MENGITSU BRIEFING FROM
THE ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR WHO ADDED THAT
MENGITSU SAID OPPOSITION-CONTROLLED TERRITORY INCLUDED
THE OMO VALLEY AND THE CITY OF BEICA 50
KM. FROM THE SUDANESE BORDER. THE ROMANIAN ALSO

SAID MENGITSU CLAIMED THAT THE ERITREAN "LIBERATION
FORCES" HAD TRIPLED THEIR STRENGTH IN THE PAST FEW
WEEKS DUE TO THE ASSISTANCE OF SAUDI ARABIA AND SUDAN.
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